

Outpatient Surgery Checklist



Use this checklist to assist you or your loved one when looking for an outpatient surgery facility. While an outpatient surgery facility may not initiate all of the items on this checklist, it should prompt to you to ask these questions of yourself and of the facility where applicable.

Before Surgery

- ☐ Is this facility accredited?
- ☐ What other outpatient surgery centers are near my home?
- ☐ Who will be my support person to accompany me to my surgery?
- ☐ What is my pre-operation guidance?
- ☐ What hotels are near the facility in case I am not planning to recover at home?
- ☐ Do I understand how the facility will bill and charge me for this procedure(s)?
- ☐ Do I understand the facility's process for emergencies; including which hospital will the facility transfer me to if there is an emergency the facility cannot manage during my surgery?

Day of Surgery

- ☐ Do I understand the potential side effects of the anesthesia I will be given?
- ☐ Did the medical staff inform me on how long it might take me to recover from surgery?
- ☐ Did the facility provide me with a written description of patient's rights and responsibilities?

After Surgery

- ☐ Did the facility provide me with instructions on what to do if I have complications after surgery?
- ☐ Does the medical staff describe symptoms and signs for the normal healing process or what are signs and symptoms of possible complications?
- ☐ Did the facility provide me with a patient satisfaction survey so that I can provide feedback on my experience?
- ☐ Did I receive information about how to take my medications after my surgery?

Call the surgeon if you are unsure of symptoms or instructions!